

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 2 are pending. Claim 1 is rejected and claim 2 is objected to. Claim 1 is canceled and claim 2 is amended to be in independent form. The amendment is supported by the specification and by the originally filed claim 1. Further, Applicants respectfully submit that the amendment to claim 2 does not change the scope of claim 2 as claim 2 already includes the limitations of now canceled claim 1. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of all rejections in view of the amended claims.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that "[t]he prior art does not teach or suggest methods meeting the requirements of instant claim 2" (Office Action, page 6, paragraph 7).

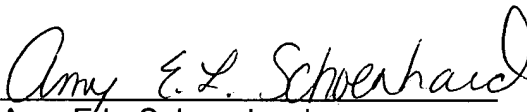
The Office Action has rejected claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Hagberg et al. (WO 99/45383). Claim 1 is rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting in view of claim 8 of Hagberg et al. (U.S. Patent 6,399,306) ("Hagberg II"). As claim 1 has been canceled, Applicants respectfully submit that the rejections thereof are rendered moot. Applicants thus respectfully request that the above rejections be withdrawn.

Applicants respectfully submit that this application is in condition for allowance and request favorable action thereon.

In the event this paper is not being timely filed, the applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any

additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account 01-2300, referencing Attorney Docket No. 108172-00072.

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